

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests re-consideration and allowance of claims 1, 6-9, and 13-17 that are pending in the above-identified patent application. Applicant has amended claims 1, 4, 6, and 7, and cancelled claims 2-3, 10-12, and 18-25. No new matter is added by the amendments herein.

Allowable Claims

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that at page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner deemed claims 13-17 as allowed and claims 3-7 as containing allowable subject matter.

Response to Substantive Rejections

At pages 2-5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 10, 18, and 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. 2006/0031794, and rejected claims 8, 9, 11, 12, and 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over 2005/0216222.

In response, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 3, and Applicant amended claims 6 and 7 to be in independent form (all claims that the Examiner has deemed allowable). Claims 2-3, 10-12, and 18-25 have been cancelled.

Accordingly Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 6, 7, 13, and 17, as well as the pending dependent claims are allowable and the prior art rejections should be withdrawn.

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